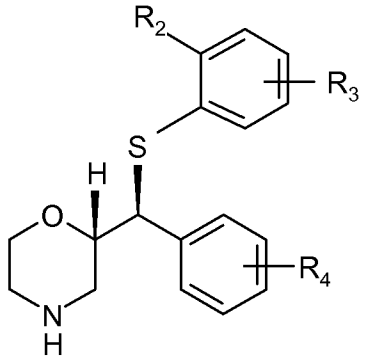
Amendments to the Claims

1. (canceled).

2. (canceled).

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A compound of ~~claim 1, represented by~~ formula (II):



(II)

wherein:

R_2 and R_3 are each independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, O(C_1-C_4 alkyl), S(C_1-C_4 alkyl), halo, and phenyl; and

R_4 is selected from H and C_1-C_4 alkyl;

wherein each above-mentioned C_1-C_4 alkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more halo atoms;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5. (currently amended): The ~~A~~ compound of claim 4, wherein R_2 is selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl, O(C_1-C_4 alkyl), F, and Ph,

wherein each above-mentioned C_1-C_4 alkyl group is optionally substituted with one or more halo atoms.

6. (currently amended): The ~~A~~ compound of claim 4, wherein R_3 is hydrogen.

7. (currently amended): The ~~A~~ compound of claim 4, wherein R_4 is hydrogen.

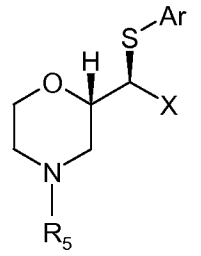
Claims 8-17 (canceled).

18. (previously presented): A composition, comprising a compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, excipient, or carrier.

19. (new): The compound of claim 4 where R_2 is trifluoromethyl, methoxy, trifluoromethoxy, F, or phenyl.

20. (new): The compound of claim 4 where R_3 if F.

21. (new): A method of preparing a compound of the following formula



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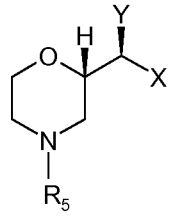
wherein:

R_5 is a protecting group;

X is optionally substituted phenyl; and

Ar is optionally substituted phenyl;

comprising reacting a compound of the formula



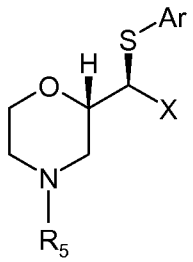
wherein:

R_5 is a protecting group;

X is optionally substituted phenyl;

and Y is a leaving group; with an aryl thiol.

22. (new): A method of preparing a compound of claim 4, comprising deprotecting a compound of the following formula:



wherein:

R_5 is a protecting group;

X is optionally substituted phenyl; and

Ar is optionally substituted phenyl; to provide a compound of claim 4, optionally followed by the step of forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.